

5 USC 592b.

of the Department of Commerce (33 Stat. 85, 135), as amended and supplemented by the Act of March 4, 1913 (37 Stat. 736), by Public Law 584, Eighty-second Congress (66 Stat. 758), and by section 7 of Executive Order 6166 of June 10, 1933, be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

"There shall be in the Department of Commerce a General Counsel, who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and who shall have basic compensation at the rate per annum provided for Assistant Secretaries."

Approved August 20, 1954.

## Public Law 608

## CHAPTER 777

## AN ACT

August 20, 1954  
[S. 3546]

To provide an immediate program for the modernization and improvement of such merchant-type vessels in the reserve fleet as are necessary for national defense.

Emergency Ship  
Repair Act of 1954.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That this Act may be cited as the "Emergency Ship Repair Act of 1954".

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

SEC. 2. It is the purpose of this Act in the interests of national defense to provide for the immediate improvement and modernization of needed merchant-type vessels in the reserve fleet under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Commerce, and thereby to provide a much needed stimulus to the shipbuilding and ship repair industries of the Nation.

## RESERVE FLEET MODERNIZATION AND REPAIR PROGRAM

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Commerce shall, after consulting the Secretary of Defense, formulate and carry out to the extent authorized under the provisions of this Act a program of repairing, modernizing, or converting such merchant-type vessels in the national defense reserve under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Commerce as may be necessary to provide for the purpose of national defense an adequate and ready reserve fleet of merchant and auxiliary vessels.

## CONTRACTING AUTHORIZATION

SEC. 4. The Secretary of Commerce shall, within twenty-four months after the date of the enactment of this Act, enter into such contracts for the repair, modernization, and conversion of vessels as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act. Such contracts (1) may provide for the expenditure by the United States of not more than \$25,000,000, (2) shall be with private shipbuilding or ship repair yards on the Atlantic, Pacific, and gulf coasts of the United States, (3) shall be entered into in accordance with applicable provisions of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949. In entering into such contracts the Secretary of Commerce shall not alter the present Maritime Administration policy of inviting single bids or split bids or both for drydock and nondrydock work.

63 Stat. 377.  
40 USC 471 note.

## AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION

SEC. 5. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums not in excess of \$25,000,000 as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

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## Public Law 609

## CHAPTER 778

## AN ACT

To provide that the Metropolitan Police force shall keep arrest books which are open to public inspection.

August 20, 1954  
[S. 3655]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section 386 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the District of Columbia, as amended (D. C. Code, sec. 4-134), is amended by striking out the word "and" at the end of paragraph (3); by renumbering paragraph (4) as paragraph (5), and by inserting between paragraphs (4) and (5) the following new paragraph:

D. C. arrest books.

"(4) Arrest books, which shall contain the following information:

"(a) Case number, date of arrest, and time of recording arrest in arrest book;

"(b) Name, address, date of birth, color, birthplace, occupation, and marital status of person arrested;

"(c) Offense with which person arrested was charged and place where person was arrested;

"(d) Name and address of complainant;

"(e) Name of arresting officer; and

"(f) Disposition of case; and".

SEC. 2. Section 389 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the District of Columbia, as amended (D. C. Code, sec. 4-135), is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 389. The records to be kept by paragraphs (1), (2), (3), and (4) of section 386 shall be open to public inspection when not in actual use and this requirement shall be enforceable by mandatory injunction issued by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia on the application of any person."

Public inspection.

Approved August 20, 1954.

## Public Law 610

## CHAPTER 779

## AN ACT

To amend the laws granting education and training benefits to certain veterans to extend the period during which such benefits may be offered.

August 20, 1954  
[H. R. 9888]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That (a) section 212 (a) of the Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1952 is amended by striking out "two" and inserting "three" in lieu thereof.

(b) Section 213 of such Act is amended by striking out "seven" and inserting "eight" in lieu thereof.

Veterans.  
Education bene-  
fits.  
66 Stat. 664,  
38 USC 917, 918.

SEC. 2. The proviso in paragraph 1 of part VII of Veterans Regulation Numbered 1 (a) is amended by inserting before the period

38 USC ch. 12A.